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1. SUMMARY: NOV. 10 NIGERIAN PRESS INDICATES MEA COMMISSIONER

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NOW BACK FROM WHIRLWIND TOUR CONG-BRAZZAVILLE, ZAIRE,

ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND UGANDA. MOST NOTABLE ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTELS A & C) FMG STATEMENTS ARE REPORTED OAU (OR AT LEAST IDI AMIN) ACCEPTANCE NIGERIAN PROPOSALS RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT NOV. 11 ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE DATE, NIGERIAN READINESS GIVE POST-INDEPENDENCE AID, TO ANGOLA, AND MORE CRITICISM SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. NIGERIAN PROPOSALS RESOLVE ANGOLAN TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO NOV 10 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, WEEKEND MEETING MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA WITH CURRENT OAU PRESIDENT IDI AMIN IN KAMPALA RESULTED IN OAU ACCEPTANCE NIGERIAN PROPOSAL THAT THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT BE APPROACHED TO SECURE AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR THREE WEEKS (REFTEL A). OAU APPARENTLY HAS AGREED TO NIGERIAN PLAN HAVE LEADERS THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS COME TO LAGOS TO WORK OUT DETAILS NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. GARBA QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WAS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE IN COUNTRIES HE VISITED THAT SOLUTION PRESENT ANGOLAN TURMOIL LAY IN MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA LEADERS AGREEING TO FORM UNIFIED GOVERNMENT, FMG REPORTEDLY ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT (TEXT NOT YET RECEIVED) THAT IT BELIEVES THERE STILL ROOM RECONCILIATION AND UNDERSTANDING GIVEN GOODWILL ALL SIDES.

3. NIGERIAN AID TO POST-INDEPENDENCE ANGOLA. COMMISSIONERS GARBA SAID TO HAVE INDICATED IN LAGOS ARRIVAL INTERVIEW THAT NIGERIA PREPARED PROVIDE AID TO ANGOLA AFTER ITS INDEPENDENCE AS THAT COUNTRY WOULD BE STARTING VIRTUALLY FROM SCRATCH. IT IS NIGERIA'S POLICY TO HELP EMERGENT AFRICAN NATIONS FIND THEIR FEET, HE REPORTED AS SAYING.

4. SOVIET INVOLVEMENT SCORED. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FMG HAS HAS ISSUED STATEMENT STRONGLY DEPLORING SOVIET UNION' ROLE IN ANGOLA AT TIME WHEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES SEEKING AFRICAN SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. "THE VET UNION SHOULD REALIZE THAT AFRICA CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH A GRATITOUS INSULT." GARBA TOLD PRESS THAT NIGERIA ITSELF WOULD NOT LODGE FORMAL PROTEST EITHER AT UN OR THROUGH OAU BUT THAT SUCH STEP SHOULD BE TAKEN BY OAU.

5. COMMENT: FMG APPARENTLY PULLING OUT MOST ALL STOPS PLAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEY ROLE RESOLUTION ANGOLAN PROBLEM. ITS ACTION CONTINUES APPEAR BE IN LINE GOALS OUR POSITION AS SPELLED OUT REFTTEL B. EASUM

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